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Symptoms may include:

- Pain in your jaw, neck, or back;
- Pain or numbness in your arms;
- Lightheadedness or weakness;
- Chest pain, which may be accompanied by shortness of breath.



American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month. Coronary heart disease is still the number one cause of death in the United States. In fact, someone in this country has a cardiac event almost every *25 seconds*!¹

The <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> recommends familiarizing yourself with the ways you can help prevent heart disease, including:

- Becoming familiar with medical conditions that could affect your heart. The <u>American Heart Association</u> provides detailed information about heart related conditions on their website;
- Limiting your exposure to smoke, including second-hand smoke exposure;
- Knowing the common heart attack signs; and
- Maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

¹ Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention



Staying Healthy & Active



Remember to check our <u>website</u> in order to stay up-to-date on all the ways you can be active and healthy. We provide a list of various state and federal websites that will help you keep track of the most recent health information!

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